



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 635

Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on June 6, 2007*

SUMMARY

H.R. 635 would establish a new research program for the cleanup of clandestine laboratories shutdown by law enforcement that have been used to produce methamphetamine. This legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$2.5 million for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to support such a program. Such efforts by EPA and NIST would include establishing guidelines on assessing sites and cleaning up contaminants, holding a conference to discuss research and guidelines with interested parties, and supporting research for the development of the guidelines and new detection technologies. Finally, the bill would authorize a study by the National Academy of Sciences on the residual effects of methamphetamine.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 635 would cost about \$3 million over the 2008-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amount in 2008. Enacting S. 635 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 635 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would benefit state and local governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 635 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 635 will be enacted by the start of fiscal year 2008 and that the amount authorized by the bill for that year will be appropriated. (We assume no further appropriations for fiscal year 2007.) Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
EPA Research Program					
Authorization Level	2	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	1	0	0	0
NIST Research Program					
Authorization Level	1	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	0	0	0	0
Total Changes					
Authorization Level	3	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	1	0	0	0

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 635 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would benefit state and local governments.

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